

and even some of the interior tribes seem to have accepted his suzerainty. The yoke which he imposed upon his Moslem subjects was light, as light as that which his rule laid upon their co-religionists of Sicily. The Arab historians of the time, though they use the customary Moslem title of hostility in his case as of all Christian princes, acknowledge his humanity and justice, "That enemy of God," says one, "restored both the cities of Zawilah and Al Mahdia, furnished capital for the merchants, did good to the poor, confided the administration of justice to a *cadi* acceptable to the people, and ordered well the government of those two cities/¹ Elsewhere, the same author puts it on record that he collected the *hhardg* (tribute) with humanity and moderation, * Roger was by far the most famous of the Christian princes of his age among the Moslems, and this less on account of his power than on account of his policy of toleration at home and abroad.

The African empire may be accredited mainly to the great Admiral who scored the many triumphs of 1148, George of Antioch, indeed, had the way paved for him by Christodulus and Eugenius,

but the period of expansion towards
Africa, and
the sea-power which proved so great
a menace
to the Greeks, coincide with the
Antiochene's
career, His naval skill, his intimate
knowledge
of the language and politics of the
his

* Attari, *B>A,S._t II*, pp. 393-6 (**Iba*bi-Dinfe**),